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## Saluting those who served

Second World War veteran Horace Houghton of Haliburton salutes the colour party, as they march at the end of the Remembrance Day ceremony at the cenotaph on Nov. 11 in Haliburton. Organized by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129, the event drew a crowd that was a dozen deep at places along Highland Street. Houghton was a private with the Royal Navy and served on the minesweeper, the HMS Minstrel in the Indian Ocean. See more photos on page 2. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Wilberforce honours its veterans

**MICHAEL RILEY**

Staff Reporter

Dozens of people, veterans and residents of Wilberforce and the surrounding area, turned out to honour Canadian soldiers who have served in armed conflicts to secure our freedom, past and pre-

sent, at the cenotaph in Wilberforce on Nov. 11. Everyone in attendance adhered to COVID-19 protocols to keep everyone safe. Organized by the Wilberforce Royal Canadian Legion branch 624, the ceremony went very well despite some technical issues with some of the computer and audio equipment and the lack of any dignitaries due to unforeseen circumstances.

Wilberforce Legion branch 624 president John Glassey was the master of ceremonies and led those in attendance through the half hour Remembrance Day ceremony at the cenotaph in Wilberforce next to the Municipality of Highlands East municipal office. The ceremony included the March on the Colours, the opening presentation, the Veterans' Prayer, the singing of O Canada and the

playing of the Last Post and of "Reveille." Highland Grove resident Barb Munroe attended to sing "Abide with Me" and "God Save the Queen" at the event, and her singing was quite beautiful and well received by everyone. This was followed by the Act of Remembrance, the delivery of the Benediction and the Marching off of the Colours. COVID-19 protocols like

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### Remembering the sacrifices

Nearing the conclusion of the Remembrance Day ceremonies held on Nov. 11 at the cenotaph in Haliburton, the public was invited to place poppies on the wreaths on display./DARREN LUM Staff



This year's Remembrance Day ceremonies included customized wreaths for the first time, recognizing groups and individuals such as the Second World War veteran, the late-Billy Pickard.



Second World War veteran Sir Harold Rowden waves to people from a jeep at the conclusion of the Remembrance Day ceremonies.



The colour party marches up Highland Street at the end of the Remembrance Day ceremony at the cenotaph on Nov. 11 in Haliburton.



The Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums came together for the first time in close to two years for this year's Remembrance Day ceremony, which was held at the cenotaph on Nov. 11 in Haliburton.

# Symbols of remembrance

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masks and social distancing were in place to ensure that everyone stayed safe.

Wreaths were placed on the lawn in front of the cenotaph for the following individuals and organizations; Sovereign, Silver Cross Mother, Canada, Ontario, Municipal, Legion, WW1 Vets, WW2 Vets, Korean War Vets, Hong Kong Vets, Afghanistan Vets, Canadian Forces, Aboriginal Vets, RCMP, OPP, Highlands East Fire Dept., Front Line Workers, Deceased Mothers and Vets, Lions Club, Canoe FM 101.5 and Wilberforce School. Glassey mentioned that Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton was supposed to have been there but could not attend due to circumstances beyond his control.

Legion members Janice Sorensen and Ken Langford were part of the Colour Party, which is the official flag group of the Wilberforce legion. They held the flags at attention in front of the cenotaph during the ceremony. Langford conceded that it was a little different than usual this year due to COVID-19. Sorensen concurred, saying that last year they also made the event short and sweet.

"And we usually have a luncheon, but with COVID-19 last year and this year, it wasn't possible," she says.

Brian Kinderman, or "Moon" to his friends, was there to support the troops, especially one very special uniformed ser-



vice member.

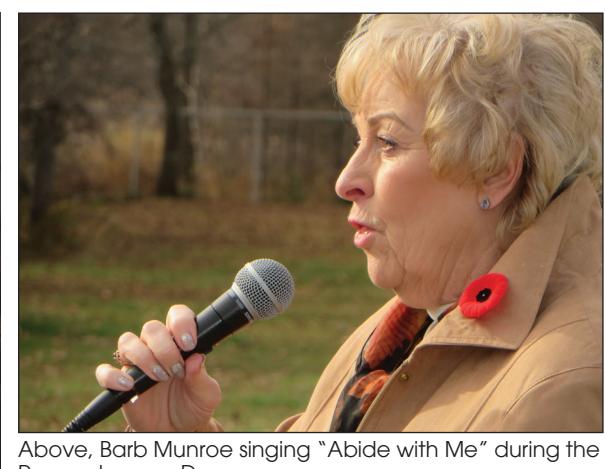
"My nephew is deployed to Egypt on a peacekeeping mission for six months, in an operation called Calumet. I'm here to honour and support him and all of our troops," he says.

Dale Bailey was there helping to hand out the ceremony program booklets. She had on a beautiful scarf with poppies on it that had a very sentimental story behind it.

"My Dad, who was in the second

World War, got it on his way home to Halifax from London, England, from a souvenir stall for 50 cents for his new bride [Bailey's mother]. My Mom wore it every Remembrance Day and I found it in a box years ago and I thought this is perfect, just a great way to bring my mom here with me," she says.

Glassey, as part of his duty as the MC, recited the "Act of Remembrance," which is an excerpt from "For the Fallen" a poem by Laurence Binyon first published



Above, Barb Munroe singing "Abide with Me" during the Remembrance Day ceremony.

Left, From left, Janice Sorensen, Ron Robertson, Ken Langford, Brian Kinderman, Peter Boyer, Don Rees and John Glassey, pose for a photo that Kinderman intends to send to his nephew, who's deployed on a peacekeeping mission in Egypt. /MIKE RILEY Staff

in The London Times in 1914. As always, this verse perfectly captured the spirit of the morning's ceremony;

"They shall not grow old,  
As we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them,  
At the going down of the sun,  
And in the morning,  
We shall remember them," he says, to which the attendees responded,  
"We shall remember them."

# Highlands East approves charging station user fees

CHRIS DROST

Staff Reporter

Highlands East held its monthly council meeting on the morning of Nov. 9. Highlights from the meeting include:

## Charging station user fee set

Council approved the \$2.50 per hour user fee for the use of the charging stations at the arena in Wilberforce, expected to be operational by mid-November. This is a Level 2 station which takes approximately four hours to fully charge a vehicle. Users pay through an Ivy app using their credit card. This app also provides information on charging station locations. The charging station is expected to be revenue neutral to the municipality at 15 per cent usage. The cost for the station is \$3,400 annually over 10 years, including installation and maintenance costs.

## Building department still busy with new permits

CBO, Laurie Devolin, reported that they are still getting in more applications for building permits. A total of 29 more building permits have been received so far in 2021 compared to 2020. Total construction values to-date are \$35,786,564 compared to \$10,752,450 in 2020.

## Firefighters with lengthy service receive recognition

Fire chief, Chris Baughman, reported that there were 22 calls for service during the month of October. On Oct. 25 all sta-

tions gathered to recognize the long service and dedication of current firefighters and alumni. Each firefighter received a citation from the fire marshall, their medal or service bar and a companion gift, presented by Mayor Dave Burton.

Captain Barry Dickinson – 25 years long service medal and 30-year service bar; District chief Wayne Galloway – 25-year long service medal; Retired district chief Bill Foote – 40-year service bar; Councillor Cam McKenzie – 35-year service bar; Captain Dennis Mackey – 25-year long service medal.

## Management staff changes now reflected in emergency management documents

Under the Emergency Management 2021 Compliance Report, CAO Robyn Rogers reported that in 2021 the municipality underwent management staffing changes which are now reflected in the emergency management documents. The Roads Department is now Public Works, Planning section chief is now Public Works supervisor and the Emergency information officer is now the CAO/treasurer.

## New historical sign installed at Tory Hill Park

Under the Property and Facilities report, council was informed that staff cleared the log blockage on the Irondale River down Morning Glory Drive. Maintenance and repairs have been done on the rail trails and the "History of Tory Hill" sign has been installed at the Tory Hill Park.

## Household hazardous waste day collects 10,000 litres of waste

Public Works reported that on the Oct. 23 Household Hazardous Waste Day, over 10,000 litres of waste was collected as well as batteries and propane tanks. New gates have been installed at the Glamorgan site. West Eels Lake Road will be surface treated in the spring when weather allows.

## HE to participate in household hazardous waste collaborative

Council reviewed a proposal to participate in a collaborative household hazardous effort with other municipalities in Haliburton County. Staff reported that Highlands East has an ongoing successful agreement with Faraday Township for four household hazardous waste days per year. It was agreed that while they believe in the joint effort with other municipalities in Haliburton County, in the coming year, Highlands East will participate in one household hazardous waste day with the new group while continuing the existing program with Faraday Township. This will be revisited after the first year.

## Visitor Information Centre concludes a busy year

The final report from the Visitor Information Centre showed that there were 506 in-person visits and 50 phone enquiries with most of the information requested being requests for maps, directions and local information. Geocaching was the

most requested specific information, followed by mineral collecting and trails.

## Motion on reducing grass mowing deferred

Council deferred a motion to reduce grass mowing on municipal land. In the interim, the Environmental Committee will identify locations for reduced mowing practices and consider alternate ground cover options.

## Council approves new deputy returning officer

Council approved Heath Swannell as deputy returning officer for the fall 2022 municipal election.

Inaugural council meeting after 2022 election moved

Council approved moving the inaugural meeting with the new council after the 2022 fall municipal election from Dec. 1 to Nov. 1. This change would reduce the time of a possible second Lame Duck scenario during an election.

Staff training now for fall 2022 municipal election

Staff are currently doing election training in preparation for next fall's election. They are also currently recruiting for vacancies.

Council confirms Christmas office closure dates

The municipal office will be closed from Dec. 23 through Jan. 1, 2022, reopening with regular hours on Monday, Jan. 4, 2022.

In addition to the above, council addressed a number of requests for shore road allowance purchases and zoning change applications.

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# School improvement and equity plan in progress

NICK BERNARD

Staff Reporter

*The following are brief reports of items discussed at the committee of the whole meeting of Trillium Lakelands District School Board held virtually on Nov. 9.*

Schools across the Trillium Lakelands School Board are currently in the middle of completing school improvement and equity plans, the goals for which are to improve literacy, numeracy, and equity. This is a district-wide initiative.

"I am happy to report that schools in the Trillium Lakelands have just completed or are in the process of completing the school improvement and equity plans," said superintendent Jay MacJanet as he began his update on the plans, which he shortened to SIEP. "These plans... will map out a narrow direction for each school and staff while aligning with personal and board improvement goals under literacy, numeracy and equity. Schools are using trailing data from provincial assessments and school-based assessments gathered by teachers this school year."

Using this data, MacJanet said, they will create actionable and measurable plans that will look to "improve student achievement in the areas of literacy and numeracy."

Superintendent Jennifer Johnston said the first round of assessments for the equity action plans, which came in the form of a census sent out to district staff, received an excellent response.

"We sent out our staff demographic census to get a better understanding of who we are, and the many unique voices and diversities and perspectives that make us who we are," Johnston said. The data, she said, was still being collated, but planning is now underway for the student census.

"We are working again with Turner Consulting Group to develop the census, and the questions are largely derived from recent Ministry of Education memoranda."

A census will be sent directly to parents for students in Kindergarten to Grade 8. Students in Grades 9 to 12 will have the opportunity to complete the census in class. The census is expected to take place sometime in January.

Johnston also announced the beginning of its menstrual equity project, with the support of the Ministry of Education. Its implementation ensures that menstrual products are freely available and accessible.

"We know that menstrual products are expensive, and our goal is to make sure that all people who need those products have them readily available to attend school and participate in extracurricular activities," Johnston said. In addition, she acknowledged the trustee's early support for this initiative by accommodating it as part of the budget: "This project is truly a collaboration of many."

**Head lice policy changing**

Johnston also said TLDSB doesn't recognize pediculosis – the presence of head lice or nits – to be a disease or health issue, and that there is no rationale for people to be sent home due to lice or nits. The board is moving to rescind the policy, and will instead send out a memo that explains the process schools must follow when pediculosis is recorded or identified.

"As always, schools will continue to work in partnerships with families and guardians, parents to support the detection and treatment of pediculosis through effective relationships, communication, and provision of informational materials as needed."

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— TLDSB Director of Education Wes Hahn

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Johnston said regular school attendance is important for student achievement, and that students need to avoid unnecessary absenteeism, as the risk to their achievement outweighs the nuisance of having head lice or nits.

## Professional development making a difference

In his update, TLDSB Director of Education Wes Hahn spoke about the shifts in instructional leadership, how teaching and being a teacher has changed, and how to navigate these changes as schools begin to see a slow shift towards "normal."

"This is new work for many," Hahn said. "And I think it goes without saying, any time you start new things, it's a challenge."

Reflecting on his experience visiting the various schools across the board, Hahn noted that despite the ongoing pandemic, job-embedded professional development for teachers and other staff made the greatest difference.

"It's about listening and making sure we're moving with the needs of the system," Hahn explained. "We're not perfect at that... but it's leading with the heart and soul."

He spoke about moving away from what he called the "heroic" style of leadership -- something that focuses on operation -- to a more "human" approach.

"It's about listening and making sure we're moving with the needs of the system," Hahn explained. Workload, Hahn highlighted, was a particular issue for teachers.

The board has also heard quite clearly that staff prefer having access to the schools when they need it.

"There are many of our staff who like to go in after hours to do their work," Hahn explained. "They may not have wi-fi, or have a proper place to work, and so this becomes their sanctuary."

"We've done a great job virtually," Hahn said. "But we want to continue to meet staff on-site so they can support them in their environment."

As part of this, Hahn believes superintendents and supervisory officers working alongside principals and staff is important to learn how everyone works with each other, and how it benefits the system.

On the subject of the school improvement and equity plans, Hahn discussed the process of superintendents and supervisory officers partnering with specific focus schools, including Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Sharing an anecdote from Superintendent Kim Williams

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# Community Champions brings thousands of dollars to Highlands

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Highlands is getting a financial boost thanks to voters, who showed their support for the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) and Rotary Club of

Minden during the Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO) Community Champion contest.

These two organizations were among five Community Champions finalists, who were chosen by an OHTO selection panel after a nomination process inviting "locals and admirers of Ontario's High-

lands" included the recognition of "an organization that went above and beyond this past year to strengthen the local community, advocate for the environment, or help preserve our natural wonders. A selection panel took on."

Each of these organizations are being rewarded with \$3,000 for their respective causes after they finished with the most votes made between Sept. 24 and Oct. 8 to earn the OHTO designation along with The Grind Pembroke, which is a volunteer-driven charitable organization serving marginalized, low-to-no-income community members in Renfrew County.

The Minden Rotary Club is social service club, comprising of volunteers that works to improve and enhance the community in a variety of ways and is expected to use the \$3,000 to support Fuel for Warmth, who provides help to low-to-no income residents with heating their homes.

Rotarian Andy Campbell, who served as a contact for OHTO during the contest, said winning gives the club an opportunity to help Minden more.

"By having this award given to the Rotary Club of Minden we will now be able to re-direct some of the funds we have collected through our fundraising activities to some other worthwhile causes in the community," he said.

Fuel for Warmth was chosen because of the club's focus helping with housing and heating.

"We all know housing is a challenge and even in addition to housing, heating is a challenge. Fuel for Warmth has a got a great program with the food bank and the Minden Rotary Club is a big supporter of

the food bank, so this fit right in," he said.

The club has a long-standing tradition of helping around Minden Hills, whether its through its membership, volunteering, or supporting causes financially.

The HHLT is an organization that provides stewardship to five ecologically important properties in Haliburton County, including the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve and the Dahl Forest.

HHLT chairperson of the board, Shelley Hunt said the organization was excited about being named a Community Champion.

"We're just so proud to be part of this Haliburton [County] community. It's just such a supportive community and we were just delighted to get enough votes to get the funding," she said.

Hunt said there was hope to use the money towards covering part of the expenses to expand the parking at the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve, but were not able to because of timing related to when the funding can be used. Instead, it will help with maintaining the open areas at the reserve, which is an important habitat for species at risk, who use the area for foraging, nesting and/or basking.

The votes received are a clear indication of support from the community Hunt said.

"It tells us that we are doing meaningful things in the community and appreciated by the community. It really is a vote of confidence for the work that the Land Trust is doing and for being able to maintain properties like Barnum Creek and Dahl Forest that are open for public use," she said.

## Human side of leadership

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about her experience at HHSS, Hahn described the collaboration between Williams and school administrators as "a deep level of work."

"It's important work, it's job-embedded work, and it's the senior team working together and learning together with the staff along with the director, and I think that's the human side of leadership that we want to keep gravitating towards," Hahn concluded.

### Quadmester questions

Following Hahn's update, there was a question about some students expressing a preference for the existing quadmester system as COVID improves. It was something the board wasn't sure of yet, said Hahn.

"The Ministry of Education and the Chief Medical Officer of Health will make that determination, whether schools can

go back to a regular semestered system," he explained.

Once they get that information, Hahn said, he and the rest of the board will meet to discuss how to move forward. He also recalled that when the octomester system was first in place, people found the positives in that situation, and the same thing was happening now with the quadmester. Hahn also acknowledged that there were many who were eager to return to the semester system.

When the time came, Hahn assured, he and the rest of the superintendents would look into it.

### Board meeting access

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## Minimum wage or maximum impact?

MANY YEARS ago, someone gave me the advice, "Never let your income be determined by what is going on in the economy." This advice came to mind the other day when once again the news reports began covering stories of the plans for Ontario's minimum wage to be raised this January.

This news, no doubt, will have many workers smiling at the fact that their pay cheques will be a little bigger come the new year. However, because that increase is unlikely to offset inflation, actual gains will not be realized by individuals or the households their incomes go to support.

Local business owners, some of whom have faced the most challenging 19 months of their existence, may find this proposed increase too difficult to bear. If their businesses are not able to sustain a wage increase, they may cut back on staff or close down altogether.

As the economist Thomas Sowell said, "Unfortunately, the real minimum wage is always zero, regardless of the laws, and that is the wage that many workers receive in the wake of the creation or escalation of a government-mandated minimum wage, because they lose their jobs or fail to find jobs when they enter the labor [sic] force."

Many people may not realize that a large number of entrepreneurs start out their careers working for far less than minimum wage. In fact, many work for nothing just to gain the experience they need or because they cannot legally hire someone to work within their budget.

There are countless stories and jokes about ramen noodles told among tech startups. The cheap noodles have kept many entrepreneurs from starving during the days when their businesses were just launching.



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## Editorial

The months, and often years, of their time that business owners invest before they realize a profit comes with the substantial possibility that their risk might not pay off. Even when projects and companies do not succeed in the way that people had hoped for, from their ashes, new opportunities often emerge.

The value of a job is found not only in the money that can be earned by it, but also in lessons that can be drawn from it. As I wind up my responsibilities at the *Echo* and move on to life's next great adventure, please allow me to say thanks to all of the staff, contributors and readers who have added so much richness to this experience. I look forward to keeping in touch with many people I have met and wish you much success in all of your endeavours.

While my time here has been short, my experience has been a rewarding one. The rewards of this job have been made even greater by conversations with those enterprising business people and leaders of community organizations, artists, writers and volunteers who continually evolve to maximize their strengths in the face of difficult challenges.

Thank you for keeping your doors, minds and hearts open during difficult times. Thank you for providing goods, services and employment to the local economy. Thank you for the investments you have made through your time, talent and capital. Some of you might not have made much of an income in your early years, or in recent times, but your contributions to the community have been priceless. Most of all, thank you for your good example. The grace under pressure which many self-employed people have exhibited recently is truly inspiring.

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Sunset silhouette

by Darren Lum

## When the sun comes out

IT WAS one of those days when she didn't want to go back inside. Any excuse would do. She needed to turn over the compost. Was the outdoor tap fully turned off? And what about the firewood pile – had it started to lean a bit to the left?

Overhead the sky had decided it was never going to change colour. A pure clear blue it was and a pure clear blue it would remain. Almost as though in agreement with the sky's determined optimism, the discarded leaves on the ground crunched underfoot. Alice heard their voices as she walked around her yard. Nothing was about to change until the sun left the scene. So for now, it bathed the world in a bright and beautiful optimism.

Alice thought about the laundry waiting in the house. Also the vacuum sitting at the bottom of the stairs. It stared at her whenever she passed by. It was no wonder she preferred to be elsewhere, soaking up the last delights of fall before the curtain finally dropped. Distracting herself from thoughts of the coming seasonal change, she looked around the yard. If she were to win the lottery, she could re-design the entire space. A fountain here, a rock garden there, maybe a few apple trees to keep the birds and deer happy.

Alice often did this when trying to avoid something unpleasant. She would fantasize. She didn't even buy lottery tickets so there was little chance of winnings coming into her life. Still, if a neighbour was to mention snowblowers, Alice was known to speculate about wintering in a small Mexican village. Talk of the pandemic prompted her to consider buying a float plane for summer excursions or even moving to Norway. She'd once seen pictures of that country and had fallen in love with the fjords. Such fantastical musings were harmless enough and they usually did a fine job of distracting her from more onerous thoughts.

But today she found herself rooted solidly in the moment. No trips, no jackpot winnings, not even a very small fountain for her backyard.



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lynch*

## Our road

Instead, she was enjoying her life as it was and where it was. Which wasn't so bad as long as she ignored the housework.

Once she had finished inspecting the firewood pile and mentally patted herself on the back for a job well done, Alice sat down on the deck chair for what would probably be the last time before having to put it away for the winter. Although a cup of tea would hit the spot, she didn't want to go inside until she really had to. It wasn't just the vacuum and laundry she was avoiding. Rather the day was just too glorious to miss any of it.

When the sun came out, no matter the season, it was as though the world turned bright and hopeful. Even now in November, when the dawn crept more slowly and night was in a rush to move in, a golden light still slanted between bare trees. Squirrels scurried, getting their winter store in place. Blue jays shone as sunlight caught the gleam of their colours.

And at times like this, Alice was again reminded how lucky she was to have been born where she was. After all, it had been fate that had put her in this place instead of some poor and dusty corner of the globe. Household chores did not involve walking a great distance to carry water or fanning a smoky fire to cook a meagre meal for her family, providing she even had something to cook. No, today especially, Alice's world was bathed in sunlight, beauty and the certainty that all it asked of her was to stop and appreciate what she had.

It was easy for her to forget her good fortune. With winter on the horizon, she could easily feel a tinge of dread. Icy roads, bitter walking, shoveling the driveway. But even then, she reminded herself, the sun still came out. Maybe a bit weaker, maybe for a shorter stay. But it was still the wonderful sun and when it appeared, the world changed. At least it did for Alice.

# points of view

## Old MacDonald revisited

**I**F YOU are a person of a certain age, you have probably known Old MacDonald for most of your life. He was the guy who had a farm.

It was not even a particularly interesting farm. By all accounts, he had a cow, chicken, turkey, duck, pig and probably a few more animals that made their respective noises, here, there and apparently everywhere. In short, it was a noisy farm.

Certainly nothing to write a hit song about.

He must have had a good publicist, however, because people have been singing about him and his farm for as long as I can remember.

Interestingly enough, there has not been a twist on the Old MacDonald song during all that time either. It has not been sampled by Drake for instance. No rock band has even considered doing a cover of it.

All that changed last Sunday. That's when I started singing the song with my mom, brother, sister, oldest daughter, son-in-law, sister-in-law and Jenn. For the record, this is not a song we normally sing when we gather. We're not that cool.

We did so because my grandson Hudson, who is five, was there and so was my seven-month-old granddaughter Casey. If I'm being honest, we were trying to show the kids that – never mind that Paw Patrol song – music was better when we were kids.

So, we sang the "Old MacDonald had a farm..." part and then, when it came to the "And on his farm he had a ...." we took turns naming farm animals. I'm not saying it was cool, but you should have been there.

All that came to an abrupt stop, however, when it was Hudson's turn. For, when we sang, "and on his farm he had a ..." Hudson proudly yelled the correct word for a female's private parts.

To which we responded, "E-I-E-I.....Oh!"

The challenge, when faced with an incident like this and a child who doesn't understand the niceties of "Old MacDonald," is pretending it never happened and, more importantly, not doing anything to encourage it again. Laughing, for instance, might encourage endless repetition – and, probably from the kid too. Unfortunately, the only person who didn't laugh was my mother. But that was only because she was trying to put her dentures back in her mouth.

My oldest daughter, who is Hudson's mother, looked slightly flustered but quickly explained that she introduced the word to Hudson after he had watched her changing his sister's diaper and asked about the anatomical difference.

"I didn't want to teach him the wrong word," she said.

As someone who didn't know the right word until he was 18, I understood what she was trying to achieve.

Yet, as someone with the maturity of a five-year-old, I also was aware of the unnecessary risk she chose to take. After all, it's not like Hudson is going to medical school any time soon.

In my experience, a five-year-old's main purpose in life is to blurt out the things either one or both parents do not want him or her to say. Sentences like, "Daddy called in sick but went fishing." Or "Grandma, where is the broom daddy says you fly on?"

If you don't want them to say it, don't introduce it.

In their defence, Hudson is their first five-year-old.

In any case, we changed the subject quickly and moved on without any further awkward moments. And there was no harm done. Unless Drake sample that version.



### Loon Tales

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### pic of the past

**H**aliburton Huskies back in the day. Buck Baker and Harry Brohm at the Haliburton Arena circa 1947. /Submitted by Paul Brohm.

## The early days of Sir Sam's Ski and Ride

To the Editor,

*Re: Sir Sam's Ski and Ride*

To clarify your article regarding the sale of Sir Sam's Ski and Ride, Bob Bishop Sr.'s spouse was Jeanne Bishop (they were my parents).

It was indeed his dream and ambition to create a family business that promoted the Highlands of Haliburton and fulfil a late 1940s report by the then Ministry of Tourism confirming that the Eagle Lake site was ideal for a ski operation.

He and Jeanne started the family business that purchased and developed the lands that now form the Eagle and Moose Lake residential and recrea-

tion community. That family business consisted of my late father and mother as majority shareholders and myself, my sister and my late brother as minority shareholders.

In the late 1980's the control of the business was transferred to my late brother, Bob Bishop Jr. and together with his spouse Noreen and his family, the original dream has continued and evolved.

I am pleased that the business will continue as a family operation with new vigor and extended dreams.

David M. Bishop  
Haliburton

## Shedding light on light pollution

To the Editor,

Since the hour change last Sunday, we have seen spectacular displays of the moon and bright planets in the evening skies. The moon has been tied up with Venus and now moving on to Saturn and eventually Jupiter. Unfortunately, there is so much light around the village of Haliburton that most of the night sky's stars cannot be seen unless you move to well outside the village. There used to be big floodlights covering the Foodland parking lot, thankfully they were removed some years ago. But there are still "security" lights that shine right across the parks and into the sky above the

heights of Pine Avenue. With questions of unnecessary power consumption becoming critical, can more focussed lights shine only into corners below "hat height". Or if nothing better can be done, can cowls be mounted over lights to restrict the escape of light into the universe? If so, I can hope for watching the steady march of the constellation Orion across the southern sky throughout the winter months.

Peter Brogden  
Haliburton

# HHSS co-op series



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 12 student Nick Daw drives a tractor, discing a plot of land for Minden farmer Casey Cox earlier this month. Nick has been helping and learning first-hand about farming from Casey and his son, Chad, as part of a co-op placement this semester. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Cultivating a career with initiative

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The following is the first in a series of co-op placement stories, featuring Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students and area employers in Haliburton County. Open to Grade 11 and 12 students, the co-op program enables students to earn high school credits by integrating course curriculum with learning at a work placement.

With an eye on the disc harrow behind him and a firm hand on the tractor wheel in front of him, senior high school student Nick Daw was doing more than just discing a field in Minden for farmer Casey Cox, he was making his mark towards fulfilling a lifelong dream through co-operative education.

The Grade 12 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student, who will turn 17 in a few weeks is a unique case among students with not just how he went after setting up his farming co-op placement directly with Casey, but the deep passion he has to work in the agricultural industry.

He sees an inherent value in agriculture work that doesn't exist in other fields and it started long before this year.

"I always liked it [because] you're stewards of the earth they say. Take care of the land, animals. Stuff like that. That was always my reason. I was always interested in that. It was my only thing. I'd sit in class and daydream about it all day," he said, referring to when he was in elementary school located in Millgrove, a rural community outside of Hamilton.

There are photos of Nick as a toddler, wearing a costume that made him a miniature combine, complete with

a corn head and the Case logo during Halloween several years ago. His mother, Karen said he's a veritable walking encyclopedia when it comes to heavy farming equipment. She can remember him beaming during visits to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair and Canada's Outdoor Farm Show.

On his dad's side of the family, there is a farm where he got to be completely immersed in the world that spoke to him like nothing else.

"I always loved being around the farm. When we came up here it's a little different. There's no farmland, barely any. There used to be. Not anymore. And I was thinking about my co-op and farming always stuck with me and I knew who Casey Cox was and figured I'd go and talk to him and see about a co-op. And it would be something different than working at a store or whatever. Nothing wrong with that, but that's just not for me," he said.

The Grade 12 student already had held retail positions before and saw co-op as an opportunity for a new work experience related to something he is passionate about.

He remembers seeing Casey, who knows Nick's dad Wes with his work at Tom Prentice and Sons, during a shift at Minden Home Hardware. He knew he had everything to gain and nothing to lose, if he asked about gaining experience from Casey rather than leave it to HHSS teacher and co-op coordinator Jason Morissette to ask for him.

"A lot of people are more interested, if they see a kid go out to them instead of a teacher. If you're really interested in something, you go out there and inquire and you go chase after that because it's not very often it's going to come to you. You have to go to that," he said.

Casey has appreciated Nick's enthusiasm and his abilities with operating heavy machinery such as the tractor while discing and cultivating.

"He seemed like a kid that wanted to try and what did I have to lose?" he said.

He continues, "We've got more work done this year than ever at this time of year and he's good on tractors and he's interested. That's the big thing. It's not that he thinks he is interested, he is interested," he said.

Nick made repairs, moved hay and observed a diverse range of farm operations.

He started the year with the full-day, four-credit option, but later switched to the two-credit option, alternating mornings and afternoons, four days a week, because he needed more courses for post-secondary education requirements.

The 16 year-old is planning to apply to two programs for business agriculture, one at Algonquin College, which is a two-year diploma program that includes the option of a co-op placement and the other is at the University of Guelph's Ridgetown campus.

Nick appreciated what Casey and his son Chad did for him, which includes taking the chance on him, helping him one-on-one with different tasks, and entrusting him with working their plots of land.

"I'm very lucky that he took the opportunity to bring me, show me and teach me. Nothing but good things to say about him. He's a great guy," he said, referring to Casey.

He adds, this experience has bolstered what he knew going into it.

"It made me realize more that this is what I want to do and this is what I strive to do and want to learn more and more," he said.

Casey, who bought his first set of cows at 13, has farmed in Minden all his life and said he doesn't know

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# HHSS co-op series

## Dreams only come true with work

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how to stop farming. He adds making a living from farming now is extremely difficult unlike when he started, but it isn't impossible, particularly for Nick.

"But he's got the drive, you know what I mean? It depends on what you want to make I guess," he said. "But he seems to have the drive to do it. But he's young. We all had a lot more drive when we were young," he said.

Casey is among only a handful of farmers that operate in the Highlands.

Although his adult son is interested in cash crops, Casey is responsible for the most head of cattle in Haliburton County with close to 100 out of an approximate 150 estimated to be in the area. His properties total about 50 acres in Minden.

What Nick did was beneficial for Casey, who has had retirees help with his farm in the past.

"I got some good help. There's lots of retired guys that live at the lake. You know, they worked for Bell or they worked for IBM. They're always bored with a day here and day there. So, this year, Nick kind of gave those guys a break in a way," he said.

Although Nick had experience on a farm before and the drive, Casey acknowledges that at the start it took some patience on his part to get things rolling.

At this point, Nick's career pursuits are not specifically tied to any one profession.

"I'd love to farm, but with the prices of real estate and everything right now it'll be a challenge, but that's the end goal for sure. But anything in agricultural will be great for me," he said.

When it comes to encouraging others about the value of a placement it comes down to going after what you want to do and taking the steps to fulfill that desire.

"Anybody that wants to do something just go out and do it. Take that opportunity because it'll change your life. If you like something, go and chase your dreams. Dreams only work if you do," he said.

## Rev. Ken McClure moves on

Hunting season news has eluded me so far but more may be forthcoming once the final weekend brings a tally from not only the camp closest to Coopers but also from that informally designated as "the millionaires." Lyle Sawyer and company have the use of our particular bush where permission is always given for the two weeks.

Greg and Cheryl Cooper are attending the Christening of Joel and Kendra's son, Banks, this weekend in Bayfield. I had the pleasure of meeting the young family and observing the attention and care that Joel showed as Kendra saw to the shopping in town.

Sad to report, Shirley Sisson, who has recovered nicely from hip surgery, had the misfortune to experience a fall out of doors and has broken both wrists.

Although not strictly speaking Guilford news, it affects a few of us connected with the Anglican congregation of St. George's, Haliburton. The Rev. Ken McClure is resigning his ministry there as of January 2022. His new ministry takes him to a different St. George's Church, that of Allandale located in the south end of Barrie. The Rev. Ken has brought many gifts to our parish and has given his service happily to us, his faithful congregation.

Remembrance Day was once again well observed as the parade chaired by President Don Pittman led the Legion party, colour party, and pipe band to the cenotaph. Wreaths were laid in remembrance in honour of veterans and those who gave their lives so that we could be free. Andy Salvatori played the "Last Post" and "Reveille," and James Thompson piped the lament "Flowers of the Forest." A vintage Second World War jeep added dignity to the end of the ceremony as people were led back to the Legion for the lunch.

A large Thank You to the anonymous donor who left a dozen red carnations on my doorstep. What a cheery bouquet in my good black vase given to me so long ago from Barb and Bobby Sisson.

I achieved dry Christmas cake, made on Nov. 10.

Submitted by Eleanor Cooper, West Guildford news



Set against a blue sky with billowy clouds, Nick Daw drives a tractor, discing a field for Minden farmer Casey Cox. /DARREN LUM Staff

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# Three cheers for club of the year



Recently we reported that the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association was in the running to be named as club of the year. On Nov. 9 it was announced that they did receive the recognition. A press release from the club said, "The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association has been named Ontario snowmobile club of the year by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs at its annual awards night. Earlier the HCSA won the honour for its region, then a provincial winner was selected from 16 districts. The Federation says the HCSA was selected for its exceptional innovative activities in participation development, rider experience, volunteerism and partnership development."

The club was recognized for many distinguishing factors that not only set them apart as an organization, but also help promote snowmobiling in the area. The press release said, "The HCSA's Forest and Rail FAR Loop tour was cited for attracting new snowmobilers to the area, the HCSA encouraged downtown Haliburton businesses to post "Welcome Snowmobilers" signs in their windows."

Additionally, the club's innovative use of technology and connection to the business community con-

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*A big thanks to our communities, our partners, and our supporting businesses.*

— John Enright

tributed to the club's success. The press release added, "The HCSA installed a SnoCam webcam showing current snow conditions in real-time, a charitable fundraiser was launched donating one dollar per hour groomed on its busiest trail to The Kelly Shires Breast Cancer Foundation. The Association was also congratulated for its strong relationships with area businesses and municipalities in particular Haliburton County Tourism. This coming winter is a milestone year for the HCSA, its 50th season grooming for tourism."

Praise for the HCSA came in on social media from fans across the county and beyond. A post from the Port Perry Snowmobile Club said, "Congrats HCSA from all of us at PPSC. You guys are trend setters in so many new and innovating best practices on how an OFSC club can and should operate. All clubs now will benefit from following these awesome innovations."

John Enright had high praise for the people, volunteers and landowners who were ultimately behind the club's recent success. A post from him on the club's Facebook page said, "Many of you know me, for those who don't I am the current President of the HCSA. This win is about our landowners, who year in year out allow us on their properties. It's also about our volunteers, and all the other 49 years of volunteers and thousands of hours dating back to 1971. They are the ones who got us to where we are today. A big thanks to our communities, our partners, and our supporting businesses."

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# Winderdance embarks on another chapter

KATRINA BOGUSKI

Editor

When the family and friends of Tanya McCready and Hank DeBruin saw them leave their jobs in the city, more than two decades ago, they likely didn't envision that the couple would eventually wind up speaking to C-suite business leaders about teambuilding, goal setting and decision making.

McCready, who finished a degree in environmental engineering and obtained her P.Eng. originally saw this education as a pathway to environmental law. Her plan had been to work as an engineer to gain some experience and to earn enough money to pay for law school. DeBruin likewise had an enviable and stable career path set for him as millwright. Then they bought a dog and that changed everything.

In the late 90s, when McCready entered the workforce, women engineers were still a rarity at many engineering firms. Life as an engineer was not all that she had hoped it would be with some people in the field only paying lip service to the environment. After a short time in the career world, and an even shorter time in the world of huskies, McCready and DeBruin packed up lock, stock and barrel and headed for Haliburton Highlands to open a dogsledding company.

That one dog they purchased from a pet store led them to acquire many more huskies and it also led them to fall in love with the world of dogsledding. Eventually, their teams grew to include approximately 150 dogs. The most recent additions to their family are several dogs adopted from Haliburton Forest.

With their house rented, their stable careers abandoned and their passion for huskies ignited, McCready explained that they burned their boats and created the circumstances where they had to succeed; they had left everything behind and there was no going back. McCready was eight months pregnant at the time and that also added an additional incentive to make things work.

Unfortunately, as building projects often go, the house they were to move into was not finished on schedule and they arrived to a hole in the ground where their house was supposed to be. It was a rough first winter, but they pulled through it.

Eventually, the house and kennels were completed and the fledgling business grew, and grew and grew. McCready joked that when she went to an accountant with her original business plan, he laughed at the idea that the start-up enterprise would ever reach its financial projections. Not only did the company meet the projections but eventually it surpassed them substantially. Now McCready can chuckle at those who initially laughed at her and her dreams.

The mother of four comes across as determined but not overly aggressive. Her success in business seems to be driven more by a desire to see what's possible than by a desire to prove something. Her manner of dress and speaking are both casual and relaxed. She has an air of confidence that stems from humility rather than arrogance. That very authentic vibe is refreshing to encounter in the business world and it is making her popular as a speaker.

When McCready and DeBruin head off to speak to leaders at a company's corporate headquarters, they don't dress up in designer clothes or put on power suits. They dress pretty close to how they would at home in Haliburton, sporting hoodies and jeans.

McCready's retelling of her first corporate appearance was a story worth hearing. The human resources person who had booked them to speak to leaders at LifeLabs had not told the executives that the evening's speakers would be dogsledders. While waiting in the hallway for their time to go on, McCready immediately picked up on the surprised looks of the executives glancing at them questioningly. The rustic look of the dogsledders was in stark contrast to the wardrobes of the executives.

Although nervous about the apparent disconnect between the culture of the wilderness and the culture of the corporate world, the couple wowed the audience and had many of them wiping tears from their eyes. Speaking about their dogs is their passion and their stories hit home.

While the speaking thing was a bit of a side gig initially, when the pandemic threw the world to the dogs, McCready and DeBruin seized the moment to pivot their business and began to include more speaking engagements. Their presentation called "Chasing Dreams" has been delivered to over 100 Rotary groups in person and



A few of the 150 huskies who are the driving force behind Winderdance Dogsled Tours. /Photo by Mike Criss

virtually.

They have also spoken to leaders of companies which include some impressive national and international brands. They have recently signed on with a U.S. speaker's bureau and also have been guests on a number of podcasts.

McCready said that for some people, the connection between dogsledding and teambuilding in businesses is not always obvious. However, once the stories are told, and people see how team members can work together, or can work against themselves, the analogy becomes very apparent. When dogs, or people are all pulling in the same direction, the effort required to move is less and the experience of teamwork is entirely different. The culture produced by such teams is one where peace and synergy thrive.

McCready said, "When a leader is on fire, the team is on fire." She also noted that fear and uncertainty lead to conflict.

In recent times, there has been much fear and uncertainty in many businesses. When a small company is able to withstand these challenges and draw on their own internal resources, they are able to chart a new course and help eliminate, or at least reduce, some of that fear and uncertainty.

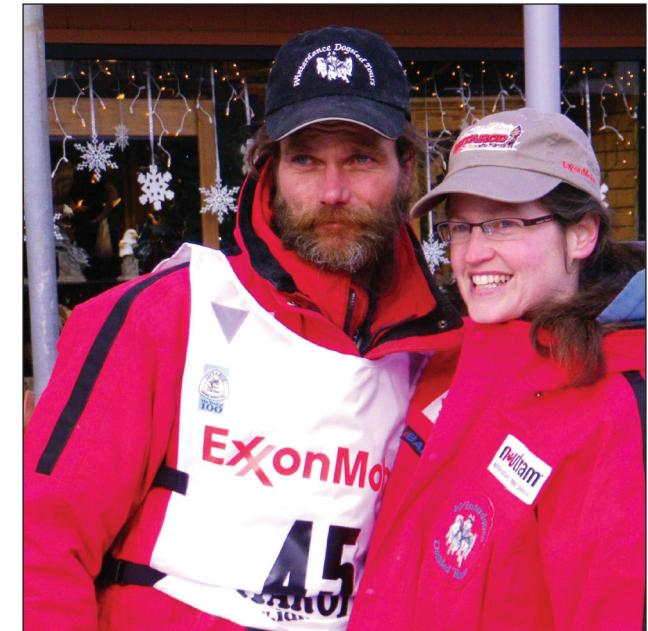
As the owners of Winderdance diversify their business to include more writing and speaking opportunities, their willingness to pivot benefits not only them, but also the community. They can't help but create a beautiful image of Haliburton County in the minds of their audiences and that has potentially positive results for all of those who benefit from the local tourism industry.

Additionally, they serve as an inspiration to other business owners who wonder what is next in very uncertain times. One of the major lessons learned by McCready and DeBruin is just how fragile financial stability can be when you are dependent on only one income stream. Their willingness to diversify and create multiple sources of income not only helps them financially, it shows other local business owners what is possible.

Although she has strayed far from the career path she originally set out on, her ultimate goal has still been achieved. McCready initially wanted to help improve the environment, and by introducing people from the city to dogsledding, she and DeBruin have helped people understand why nature is so important.

She calls the experience of dogsledding in the area magical, and says that through it, people take away a much greater appreciation of the wilderness.

After reflecting on my conversation with McCready, one central theme kept emerging, namely that of doing what we are meant to do. Not all breeds of dogs are capable of doing the demanding work of pulling a sled, but for huskies, the work is what they are built to do. Their



Owners of Winderdance, Hank DeBruin and Tanya McCready have diversified their business to include writing and more speaking engagements. /Photo submitted

bodies, their genetics, their instincts and their cultural association with humans all align to make the work of sledding second nature to them. When those instincts are trained, developed and rewarded, the outcome appears effortless.

Whether considering dogs or humans, work that is well-suited to one's nature just feels right. When goals are misaligned with our values and our instincts, or when they were never set in the first place, we can exert a lot of energy, experience a lot of frustration and end up going nowhere.

Humans, like most dogs, are social creatures with a strong appreciation of hierarchy and social order. For individuals to function well in a group, their goals must be aligned with those of other members of their pack.

DeBruin and McCready have also co-authored two books. *Iditarod Dreamer* and *Journey of 1000 Miles*. These books, are another reason that their popularity as speakers continues to grow.

Although the books are available on Amazon, McCready suggests purchasing them from Master's bookstore in Haliburton so that you can support another local business. With Christmas just a few weeks away, the books would make great gifts for dog lovers or for anyone embarking on a new challenge.

# OfSAA was all about the opportunity to compete

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Red Hawks cross-country runner Erika Hoare was beaming with a sense of accomplishment, having exceeded her expectations by placing 67th in a field of 185 Novice (13 and 14) aged runners at the all-provincials held on Saturday, Nov. 6 at Lakefield College School in Lakefield.

The Grade 9 student competed in her first OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations) championship and was the lone Red Hawks runner to earn the chance to compete against the best in the province since athletics were suspended for close to two years because of the pandemic.

"I was excited about it. I was aiming for the top-100. We thought 75 maybe, but that might be out of reach. So, 67 was really good," she said.

Hoare's 4.3 kilometre race started at 9 a.m. and it provided her frigid conditions from a chill in the air to a thick frost on the ground, which didn't pose much of a traction problem for her with her running spikes. She said the cool temperature was not very different to what she already experienced with 7 a.m. team practices.

Cross-country coach Karen Gervais, who said Hoare is a mentally tough runner with a strong competitive edge, commended her runner for her finish, saying she should be proud.

Hoare continues a Hawks trend of going to OFSAA for cross-country. In 2019, the last time there was an athletics' season, the Hawks sent Isaac Little, who has since graduated, and current senior runner Nick Phippen.

Gervais said coming into the season she hoped Hoare would run a sub-five minute per kilometre pace, which was achieved at the Central Ontario Sports Athletic Associations (COSSA) championship when she ran a 4:33 pace. She did it again, running a 4:48 pace at OFSAA on a course that was 600 metres longer.

The teen runner, Gervais said, is a committed member of the team and rarely missed training this season.

Hoare appreciated the sophisticated drills her coach taught her, which included a focus on improving pacing, breathing and learning about specific running techniques such as getting on the balls of her feet when ascending.

At the start of the year, the cross-country team's focus was on recreation. The opportunity to compete wasn't known until close to a week before the Bay of Quinte Invitational at Dunnett Orchards on Oct. 6 in Brighton, so the potential to improve more next year is expected with more training.

"There was no thought about OFSAA. It was just go, let's have fun," Hoare said.

Although the runner missed the team atmosphere being the school's only representative at the all-provincials, she still appreciated the opportunity to return to racing.

"I was just excited to go and do something again," she said.

With a field of runners at close to 200 rather than the five dozen or so she had previously competed against



Red Hawks cross-country runner Erika Hoare runs to a 67th finish against the best of the province at this year's all-provincials held on Saturday, Nov. 6 at Lakefield College School in Lakefield. The Novice (13 to 14 years) runner said her finish exceeded her expectations. Submitted by Karen Gervais

earlier this year, Hoare was forced to employ a different strategy than just "going out fast and hard and maintaining her position."

Hoare said she typically would run to the front of the field and take a top-five position from the start to force runners to pass her until she could find another that was running a pace that she was comfortable with keeping.

"Instead I just picked them off from behind," she said. "It was much more satisfying. It was harder in the way that there was so many people you get boxed in, so when you go to pass someone you didn't know if that would be wasted energy, or if all they're doing is being stuck behind someone, or if you can actually pass them."

Gervais said Hoare ran a smart race, patiently looking for her chances to pass and looked strong during the second half of the race. She adds it was the hills where the Grade 9 runner made gains.

The coach is excited for the opportunity to work more with Hoare next autumn.

"By the time we got the green light to move forward with a competitive season, there was less than a month left to prepare for Kawarthas. I am excited to see what she can do with her talent, work ethic and a proper season to train. Her dedication, quiet confidence and the kind support she offers other athletes makes her an asset

to the team," she wrote in an email.

Gervais is looking forward to working with Hoare more the rest of the school year during the coming Nordic skiing season, which she will be coaching with Mike Rieger.

Hoare is thankful to the older cross-country team members, who offered help and encouragement when the coach wasn't available to travel to the Kawartha cross-country championship for personal reasons.

With COVID-19 restrictions eased to allow for athletic competitions, this year's OFSAA championship was a little different than pre-pandemic times when spectators were present and could be close to the runners competing and would shout and cheer.

Gervais said each school with a competitor was only permitted to have two coaches or parent volunteers in attendance. Race starts were staggered and athletes were only permitted to be on site for their respective groups such as novice, junior and senior. Once the race was completed, they needed to leave the site.

"The crowds were sparse and while athletes lacked the full support of friends, family and fellow athletes to cheer them on, I think all were very grateful to be there and have the opportunity to race again," Gervais wrote.

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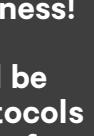


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# Golden Hawks blowout Huskies 6–2 in penalty filled affair

ALEX GALLACHER

Staff Reporter

A pair of goals from Aiden McIntosh helped the visiting Trenton Golden Hawks blowout the Haliburton County Huskies 6-2, Saturday at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena. In a game that saw a staggering 48 combined penalty minutes awarded, emotions were high as a packed house witnessed one of the seasons more intense games.

Trenton applied the pressure early, but would suffer a double minor as Trystan Mughal was sent off for kneeing. The Huskies made quick work on the power play, Lucas Stevenson buried a feed from Oliver Tarr to put Huskies ahead 1-0. A couple minutes later, the Golden Hawks responded with one of their own.

McIntosh received a pass from Dalton Bancroft and beat Christian Cicigoi, tying the game up at one a piece and ending the Huskies only time leading this hockey game. Heading back to the locker room tied, the second period would see an explosion in scoring ... from Trenton. With both goalies standing on their heads, one of them had to give and with five minutes to go, the Golden Hawks went to work.

Jake Laville would rip a shot short-



Huskies learned some lessons on home ice at SG Nesbitt Arena. /ALEX GALLACHER Special to the Echo

handed past Cicigoi on the breakaway to put the Golden Hawks ahead, and three minutes later Justin Mauro added another tally to end the period at 3-1 for Trenton.

The third period didn't fair much better for Halliburton, as 27 seconds in Jordyn Mughal netted a feed from his brother Trystan and put the Golden Hawks up 4-1. After this point, the physicality of the game picked up tenfold. First, it was Bannon Butler going off for spearing. Then it was Sami Douglas-Najem taking a two minute time out for roughing, then finally

McIntosh scored his second goal of the game when all hell broke loose.

A scrap behind the net led to Joe Boice and Jordyn Mughal getting into a shoving match which quickly escalated, both players went to the ice before being separated by officials. Both players were given ten-minute misconducts, while Bancroft was hit with an unsportsmanlike conduct call to give the Huskies a power play.

On the ensuing powerplay, Nathan Porter broke the streak of five straight Trenton goals with his second of the sea-

son. Aaron Jameison would put the final nail in the coffin, and Trenton walked out of Minden with a commanding 6-2 win.

"We had a bunch of powerplays and I don't think our unit did well," said Head Coach Ryan Ramsay. "We need to be better and coming off that hard fought win yesterday, having only three lines isn't what we want but I think we can bounce back next game for sure."

For the captain Nathan Porter, his goal was a testament to his hard fought night. The team gave it everything they had, but Saturday wasn't meant to be. Porter was still able to find many positives from that game, and even in a tough loss many players held their heads up high.

"In this league you gotta show up to play every night," Porter said. "In our eyes this is pretty much a battle for first place, it's a good lesson for the younger guys to show them if we don't bring it every single game, that will happen."

The Huskies concluded their weekend with a 4-3 OT loss to the North York Rangers, but next week will see a busy slate. Thursday (Nov. 18) night in Caledon for a meeting with the Admirals, Saturday (Nov. 20) night in Toronto for a meeting with the Patriots. The next home game won't be until Nov. 26, for another rematch with the Cobourg Cougars.

## Huskies take down Muskies in fourth battle of Highway 35

ALEX GALLACHER

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton County Huskies made the 45 minute journey to Lindsay to take on the Muskies, Friday Night at the Lind-

say Recreation Complex. Following a short-handed game winner by Sam Solarino, the Huskies took the win 2-1. Coming off an overtime win in Cobourg on Monday, the Huskies were eager to take a bite out of the fish in the building where they earned their first win in Franchise history.

From the opening drop of the puck, both teams appeared evenly matched. With around half of the audience sporting Huskies colours, it was a home away from home as the Oliver Tarr go to work with two quick chances in the first few minutes. With six players out of the lineup due to injury, the Huskies were forced to play with nearly an entire line missing. However, the teams was not phased as the first period was scoreless.

The most notable moment came when Muskies goalie Ethan Fraser committed highway robbery on Lucas Stevenson, stopping a one timer that appeared destined for the back of the net.

Opening up the second, the Muskies took a penalty and it opened the door for this first goal of the game. Duncan Scul-

lion would get a dream chance short-handed, the puck flew past Christian Cicigoi and just like that the Muskies took the lead.

After a few more chances fell by the wayside for Lindsay, Will Gourgouvelis tied the game in dramatic fashion. The Muskies defense made an errant pass that ended up on Gourgouvelis' stick, which he then ripped a bullet past Fraser to put the teams at even odds again.

While the two teams fought and fought, the deadlock continued into the third stanza.

With the Huskies down a man, Solarino took upon himself to score a goal fit for the highlight reel. After Fraser came out to play the puck, Solarino was able to pick pocket the goalie and fire the shot into the empty net as two Lindsay player dove to try and block it.

The goal set the visiting fans afire, and after a Muskies onslaught for a late game equalizer, the Huskies proved too much to handle.



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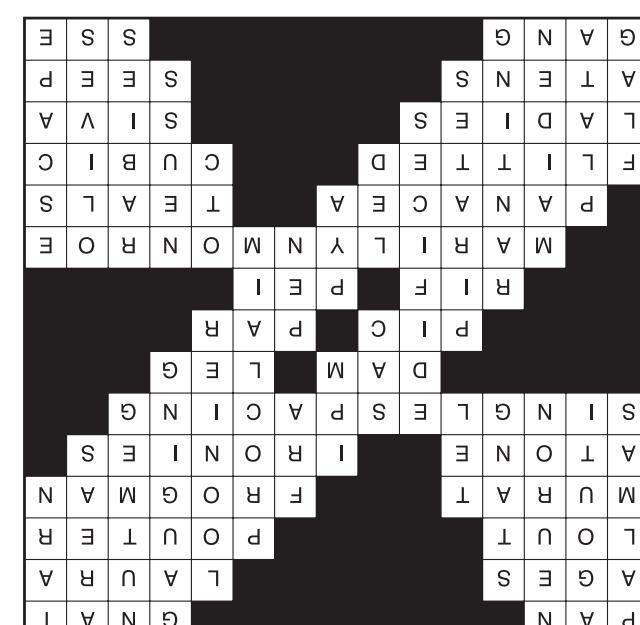
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# Removing the stigma from mental illness

JANET TRULL

Special to the Echo

My friends once had a daughter, sweet and shy. Katie was her name. She had a bedroom full of ponies and unicorns and she loved the safe sanctuary of her home. School was hard. But her parents worked with her to memorize stuff for tests and practice multiplication tables and she did okay. She was a happy kid with a few close friends. Her parents never anticipated what lay ahead. They never saw the storm coming.

When Katie started experiencing anxiety in high school, one of her friends offered her something that would help. And wow. It really did relieve the panicky feeling she got when she had to answer in class or hang out in social groups. That's how a seven year addiction started. It ended with an unintentional overdose of OxyContin that took her life at age 24.

This tragedy came after seven long years of trauma and treatment centres and heartbreak. Her behaviour made family events, like birthdays and weddings, stressful and unpredictable.

"I lost Katie twice," her mother confides when she tells her daughter's story. "I lost her when addiction took hold of her, and I lost her again when she died. The girl who used to make popcorn and cuddle up with me on the couch to watch movies disappeared. She turned into an unrecognizable stranger."

When Katie died, her parents felt broken. On Christmas Day, they didn't want to see her empty stocking by the fireplace.

Instead, they drove to Niagara Falls and her dad told me he stood at the edge of the mighty cataract and felt a connection to Katie's struggle. "She didn't have the energy to fight the powerful adrenaline of addiction," he said. "It was like trying to save herself from going over the falls."

With this image in mind, I wrote a short story to commemorate their journey with Katie. It is a love story, really, about parents who never give up, and hearts that refuse to forget the children caught in the strong current of addiction. I called the book, Once a Storm. The dedication to Katie is as follows:

*Once a peaceful, loving child.  
Once a teenager suffering from anxiety.  
Once a young adult addicted to OxyContin.  
Once a victim of accidental overdose.  
Forever a blue-eyed angel.*

There are greeting cards available for all of life's significant moments. Birthdays, anniversaries, retirements and graduations. At Bay Press, a small publishing company in Winnipeg, started a "From the Heart" series of small books that offer condolences when a card doesn't seem like enough. Once a Storm is part of that series. It sells for \$6.95 at Rails End Gallery, and proceeds will go to a local organization. Point in Time promotes the well-being of children, youth and parents in Haliburton County with a wide range of services. They understand that when children have difficulties, the whole family is affected.

I grew up in a household where mental illness was a secret. When my father was diagnosed with manic depression (now



Janet Trull's new book is now available at Rails End Gallery. /Submitted

caller bipolar disorder), my mother made it clear it was not something to discuss. No teacher or neighbour or Girl Guide leader ever asked me how things were going at home, even though everyone in my small town knew that he was having "breakdowns". It took many years of hospitalizations and treatments, but my dad did get better.

Hopefully, the stigma that shadowed my childhood has been replaced with

understanding. Untreated mental illnesses seldom resolve themselves. I recommend the Canadian Mental Health Association website as a great place to get helpful information. CMHA.ca. And it is important to share our own stories. If you know someone who feels isolated by mental illness or addiction, Katie's story, Once a Storm, might help them realize they are not alone.

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# Outdoor Christmas Décor for all to Adore

JERELYN CRADEN

Staff Reporter

Christmas is on the horizon, poking us to get hopping with our shopping. To grab a box of Christmas cards off the

shelf before the good ones are all gone OR make our own cards -- a gift in itself for friends, colleagues and loved ones. Then there's the job of decorating our home or cottage inside and out.

Minden resident, Deb Mansfield, is a guru of Christmas décor. Fifteen years ago, she owned Sandalwood, a giftware

store in downtown Minden, and would decorate ten-foot trees and sell the ornaments off the trees. Mid-November, she held a three-day sale on two floors of her 2,400 square foot home for long-time patrons. Beautiful natural wreaths, ornaments, and a cornucopia of Christmas ware were on display -- a throwback to a time when homemade Christmas decorations were treasured and passed down from generation to generation.

"I go into the woods and pick branches and foliage to use for garlands and wreaths," Mansfield said. "I've used dogwood, grapevine and Virginia Creeper wreaths that I've made myself. I like to use woolly plaid material for a bow."

Along with Mansfield's creative offerings, here is a list of festive outdoor decorating ideas and tips aimed at cheering passers-by, welcoming guests to your home, and giving yourself a warm festive hug in the process.

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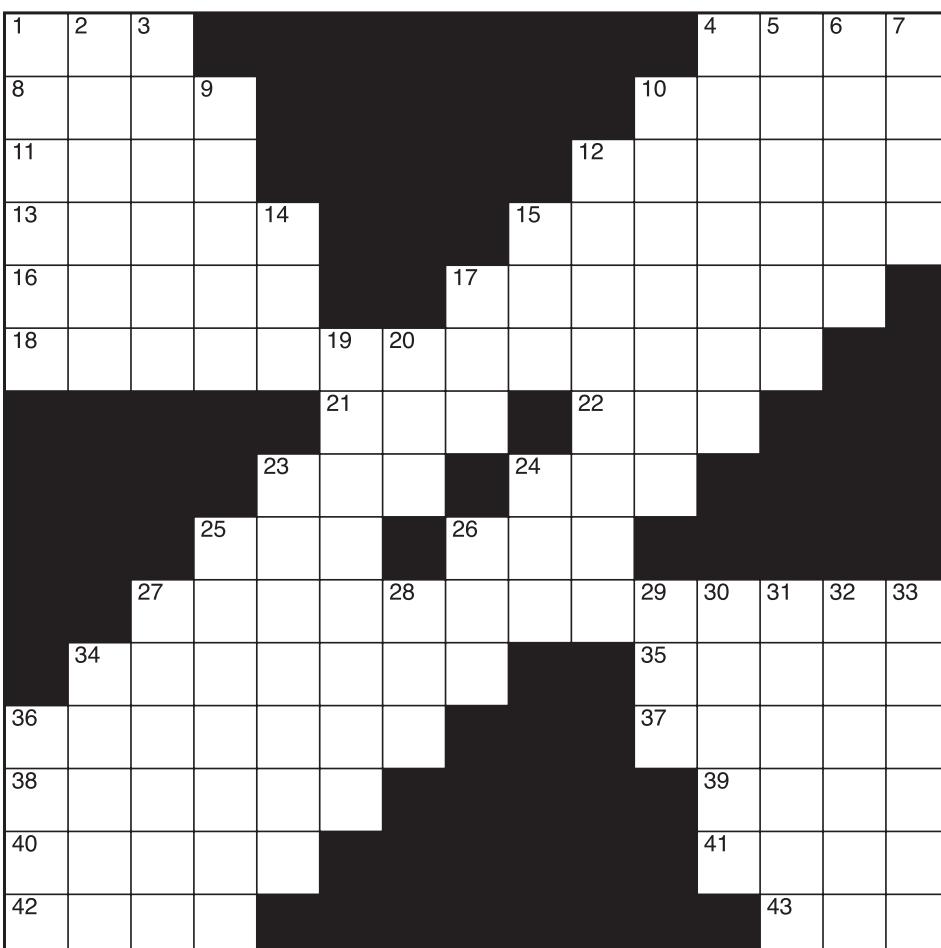
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- Dern, actress
- Uncouth man
- One who sulks
- Napoleon's king of Naples
- One who swims underwater
- Make amends
- Expressions
- Document format
- What a beaver makes
- Limb
- Photograph
- Golf score
- Moroccan mountain range
- Wrinkled dog breed: Shar —
- 20th century sex symbol
- Remedy for all diseases

- Bluish greens
- Moved swiftly
- Type of units
- Madames
- Indian religious god
- Potentially hazardous asteroids
- Leak slowly through
- An association of criminals
- A way to push content (abbr.)

- Title given to friar
- Inches per minute (abbr.)
- Buildings
- Pouch
- They steal on the high seas
- It's mightier than the sword
- Going off on a tangent
- Monetary unit
- Young woman
- Type of bulb
- Type of drug (abbr.)
- City opposite Dusseldorf
- Animal disease
- Martini necessities
- Elude
- La \_\_: Buenos Aires capital
- An oft-enduring symbol

#### CLUES DOWN

- Town in central Brazil
- Large burrowing rodent
- Nerve cell
- Estimating
- Bakers use it
- Regions
- Small lake
- Environmentalist nun
- More kookie
- Announce officially
- Israeli city \_\_ Aviv

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## The front of your home or cottage

### A classic holiday look

Make a door garland by weaving together fir, cedar, white pine, and boxwood. Then hang matching window wreaths, and fill the holly with white lights. A picture-perfect holiday scene.

Or, keep it understated

For a front porch holiday display that's equal parts festive and chic, decorate a tree with metallic ornaments, hang a garland around the door, and make it glow with string lights. You might also give the front porch a seasonal update with a plaid doormat.

### Sometimes, less is more

You might choose to create one exceptionally beautiful wreath to adorn your front door. Maybe add little white lights to make it stand out. It could also look beautiful hanging from a lantern.

### Decorate with cones

Add pine cones to your garland. And if you want an alternative to a wreath, opt for a door hanging of just pine cones, ribbon, and maybe a touch of fake snow.

### Add accessories to your porch

Update a summery Adirondack chair by throwing a plaid blanket over it. If you have an old sled that's lying around, lean it against the wall next to your front door this Christmas.

### Put up a Christmas tree with presents

If there's room, a great way to add additional spark to your holiday décor is by putting a full-size Christmas tree on your porch and decorating it as you would an indoor tree. Or, if you have a tree growing on your front lawn, or a hedge, you can decorate them with ornaments, ribbon, and lights. You could also add colourfully wrapped faux presents to the setting. Simply wrap a variety of different sized cardboard boxes and have fun creating a holiday scene.

### Wrap your columns

If you have columns on the front of your house, warm them up with a garland that will turn the space into a winter wonderland for the season.

### Wrap your front door like a gift

For a great festive look that's eye-catching and easy to do -- use extra wide ribbon and gift wrap your door with a big bow. For a more "fun" look, you could also wrap your door first with Christmas wrapping paper.

### Add some mini evergreens

Pint-sized trees can add greenery to a bare porch. Simply place them in a galvanized tub or orchard basket. Then, scatter leftover trimmings around the base to finish the look.



Lush natural Christmas décor at Pine Reflections Gift Store and Garden Centre. /Photo submitted

### Spruce up your railings

Decorating for Christmas can be as easy as wrapping ribbon around your railings. Beautiful in red, glimmering white, or silver. Too bright for you? Then, try chestnut brown.

### Light it up!

All-white Christmas lights can be stunning. Or another one-colour lighting scheme. Best to avoid tangled extension cords (and extreme electricity bills) by unraveling a strand of sun-powered lights instead. After charging all day, they'll automatically light up at night.

### Beyond your front door

#### Decorate your mailbox

An average mailbox gets a seasonal makeover with some evergreen branches, pine cones, and a burlap bow.

### Make a snowman or snow kids

Have fun dressing them for winter with a colourful cap, scarf and gloves.

### Put a wreath on your car

Why not spread some holiday cheer with a beautiful wreath attached to the hood or grill of your car as you drive around town doing errands? Meet a friend? Volunteer? It will also look festive parked in your driveway.

### Hire a local florist or garden centre specialist

For a sophisticated and subtle Christmas-ready porch, hire a florist or garden centre specialist to create over-the-top arrangements in large planters for either side of your front door or steps. The following local businesses are excellent sources for custom made holiday arrangements:

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# Bonnie Roe to be presented with award in Toronto

KATRINA BOGUSKI

Editor

On Nov 16, Bonnie Roe will be presented with an award in Toronto from the Institute for Change. Leaders (ICL). According to its website, "ICL teaches the skills that organizers need to win social change."

Their core curriculum comes from Marshall Ganz, a Harvard professor who is said to have "...codified the relationship-building organizational framework [they] teach after years of organizing with the Civil Rights and United Farm Workers movements."

The award, issued to alumni of the ICL, recognizes Roe's dedication in advocating for lasting change in long-term care facilities.

During a phone interview with the *Echo*, Roe said it's an honour to be nominated. She noted that her name was put forward by Mike Perry who is one of the co-founders of Haliburton City of Kawartha Lakes Long-Term Care Coalition. The name of this organization will appear along side Roe's on the award.

A statement from ICL announcing the award said, "More than 50 people attended the coalition's town hall on fixing long-term care; unanimously adopting a plan of action that included more pay and hours of care for workers. A petition was signed by more than 5,000 people."

"ICL was proud to work with the coalition to provide training on how to use their stories to campaign and develop effective strategies and tactics."

It went on to say, "They used their resources of pressure and access to media to meet with their local MPP, ultimately calling her out in the local press for not acting. Within weeks, \$4M in new funding to pay for more care in the local nursing homes was announced; great news for local seniors and workers ... and a community win!"

While Roe is grateful to see the funding, and is pleased that the lines of communication between the coalition and elected officials are getting the group's message heard, she is still vigilant about the long-haul projections for long-term care. The recently announced funding is a step in the right direction, but she believes it is only a fraction of the support required to address issues in long-term care.

Roe told the *Echo*, "We truly feel blessed to continue to fight for change for the LTC crisis in Ontario. I am so honoured to recognize the dedicated efforts of each of our amazing members who receive this award with me."

Other members of the group include: Mike Perry, Terry Hartwick, Brigitte Gebauer, Dorothy Owen, Lyn Ritchie, Trina West, Susan Taylor, Gillian Steven, Kane Patterson, Mary Ray, and past members Joli Scheider-Benns and Caroline Feneilus-Carpenter.

Roe plans to dedicate the award to the people who have lost their lives in long-term care during COVID-19 and to the families who lost loved ones.

Roe said that it is important for the topic of the crisis

in long-term care to be an issue in next provincial election. To find out more about the work of the Long Term Care Coalition visit, [www.ltcneedsyou.ca](http://www.ltcneedsyou.ca).

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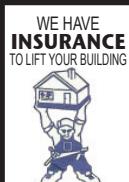
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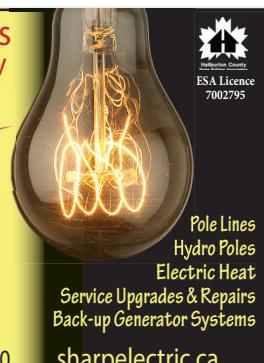
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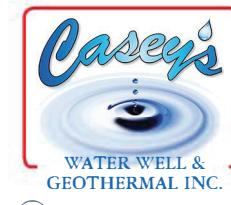
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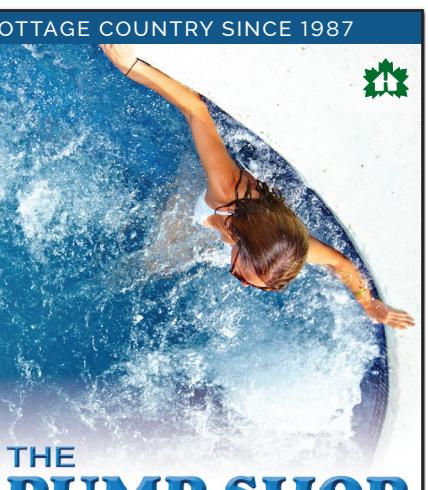
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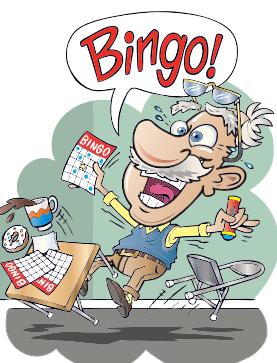
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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Thursday, November 11, 2021 from 11:00 am until 12:00 pm. A Graveside Interment Service to Celebrate Doug's Life will be held at the Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton on Thursday at 12:45 pm.

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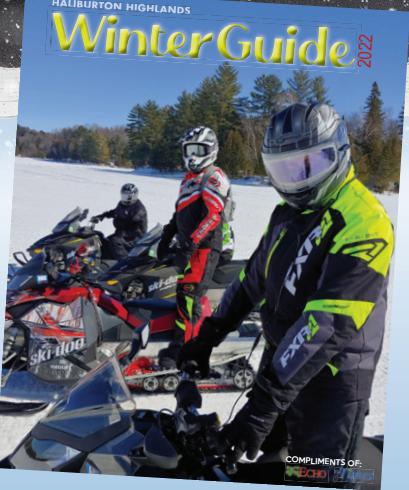
Beloved wife of the late Donald Ruddell. Loving mother of Margie, Janet (Larry) and Jim (Cindy). Loving grandmother of Kevin, Julie (Bob), Jamie (Marisa), Jake, and great grandmother to Paige, Nolan and Reid. Jean was an integral part of the Wilberforce community. She volunteered for years at the school helping children with reading.

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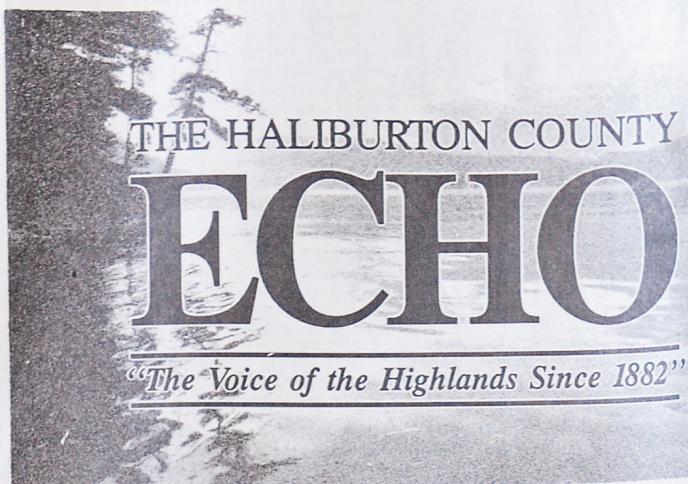
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## Hydro job cuts may leave homes in dark for longer periods

by PETER DOWNS  
Staff Reporter

About 18 months after eight jobs were trimmed in an earlier realignment, a further 13 positions at Ontario Hydro's Minden branch will be eliminated in the new year.

Five power line maintenance workers, three foresters, four billing staff and one clerical employee have been told their positions will be made surplus in January, due to the recent restructuring Hydro carried out at its Lakeland utility, said Rick Kellestine, Minden's customer operations manager.

Ontario Hydro decided at the beginning of the month to disband its Lakeland utility, which included Minden, Bancroft and Tweed, and amalgamate the operation centres with neighbouring utilities.

Minden has been absorbed by Hydro's Muskoka-Parry Sound branch, while Bancroft and Tweed joined Trent Hydro.

Last week management staff at the receiving utilities and the three operation centres met to figure out where jobs would have

to be eliminated in the restructuring.

While this latest round of staff cuts will reduce the number of employees at Minden's operation centre to 45 from 58, Hydro management says the same level of service will continue to be offered to customers.

However, union representative Paul Sisson disagrees. He says customers will likely have to wait longer for their power to be restored after major outages. On top of that, they will lose the opportunity to handle billing concerns in person at the Minden office.

Kellestine said the reduction in Minden's power line maintenance staff may create some delays during more serious blackouts, but should not cause problems otherwise.

"If there was a large power outage, it could have an effect," he said. "But on a regular day-to-day basis it wouldn't be any different than it is now. We would still have two people on call 24 hours a day, as we do now."

When there are severe power outages, Kellestine and Sisson

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MEETING SANTA: Local youngsters got a chance to talk to Santa Claus and have their picture taken with him on Saturday, following the parade that welcomed the jolly old gent to town. Santa's knees got a workout as more than 100 children climbed up to have a quiet chat with him about what they want for Christmas.

## MNR forestry fund cut down by critics

by STEPHEN SHAW  
Staff Reporter

Thursday's much-anticipated announcement on forest management came as a "slap in the face" for frustrated and fed-up private forest owners, who vow that the felling of trees will continue.

At the 1994 Trenton Fall Farm Woodlot Conference, the Minister of Natural Resources, Howard Hampton, unveiled a \$2-million incentive program to encourage Ontario forest owners to manage their lands sustainably.

The "vague" announcement of what is being called a Private Forests Sustainability Fund came as a major disappointment to landowners, who were hopeful

the issue of tax assessment would be addressed.

The fund is the province's response to private forest owners' demands for a fairer method of property taxation. Since the provincial government cut the Managed Forest Tax Rebate in 1993 — which encouraged sustainable forest management through property tax rebates — forest owners have been faced with tax hikes of up to 300 per cent. In order to pay for their "exorbitant" property taxes, forest owners say they must over-harvest their lands.

As a bargaining tool in their fight for the re-instatement of the program in some form, owners have threatened to close off their

forests to the public and clearcut their lands to pay for the high taxes. A November deadline imposed by the Haliburton Forest Owners Association to lock their gates for this winter was recently extended to next fall. This brought a sigh of relief from county business people who rely on the use of private forests for winter trails to attract tourists into the area. However the threat of a winter closure for next November is still looming.

The MNR initiative includes a \$2-million fund to be used by "local stewardship councils," which will be set up and coordinated by 50 designated MNR staffpersons across the province.

MNR Minister Howard Hampton said the co-ordinators' roles will be to assist private woodlot owners and "encourage grass-roots involvement in sustainable private woodlands development and management."

The scheme encourages "woodlot owners, sustainability co-ordinators and non-govern-

### Too much talk...

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ment partners to work as a team to promote good stewardship of private forest lands."

Hampton said the funding will be used for various projects to encourage sustainable forest management, on the approval of the councils to be formed.

"Woodlot owners will be able to use the \$2-million Private Forests Sustainability Fund and will have access to financial planning advice, local resource co-ordinators and MNR information resources," said Hampton.

Victoria-Haliburton Conservative MPP Chris Hodgson, opposition critic to the MNR, cut down the program with swift and critical response.

He points out the program fails to address the inequities of the current tax structure for private forest owners and that "the NDP government is missing the point on the private forest issue."

"The provincial government isn't making it any more affordable for people to keep their trees

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## Board must 'act quickly' on fate of Victoria St. school

by PETER DOWNS  
Staff Reporter

The director of the Haliburton County Board of Education has recommended that the newly elected school board make a final decision on the fate of Victoria Street Elementary School in March 1995.

And members of the public will have the chance to help determine the 70-year-old school's future at a February 14 meeting of the board's management committee.

In the meantime, Brad Saunders has told trustees to review the board's school closure policy to make certain it conforms to provincial requirements.

Should the board decide to shut down Victoria Street and make room for its students by building an addition at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School, it will need to act quickly to meet the government's approval

schedule for the expansion project, he said.

A further deadline for the board to have its Junior Kindergarten program fully in place by the fall of 1997 is also hanging on the horizon, placing additional pressure on it to finalize building plans at JDHES.

Last month, the board hired the Huntsville-based architectural firm of Stewart Smith to carry out renovation projects at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and JDHES.

The firm has been given approval to go ahead with preliminary plans for the high school renovation, but the proposed addition at the elementary school has been put on hold until the board decides whether or not to close Victoria Street and expand at JDHES.

In 1988, the school board in power declared Victoria Street a candidate for closure due to various safety deficiencies that were

found in an architectural study and began seeking funding from the province to replace it.

Last year, that funding, as well as a grant allocation to construct JK rooms, was approved.

While many in the community have assumed that the board has already decided to close the doors to Victoria Street, that decision was not made by the board in power in 1988 and has not been made by any board elected to office since, said Saunders.

"The board made absolutely no decision one way or another. It simply said the school was a candidate for closure."

If people say they want the school to remain open, the director of education has said members of the board would have to balance the views of the community against the information they have on the state of the school when they make their final decision.

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Fantastic home, situated on a year-round road in a lovely private neighbourhood. This lovingly owned and maintained home features 3 bdrms and full bathrm on the main level. Enjoy tons of natural lighting in the bright, spacious living room, dining area and kitchen. Step out to the sunroom and feel immersed in nature - overlooking the beautiful flowing creek and forest. Finished lower level with den/bedroom, renovated 3pc bathrm, and large rec room. Great sized lot and large double carport. This family home offers endless possibilities.

**KAWAGAMA LAKE \$279,000**



Stunning south views across the lake. This property has a fantastic shoreline of mixed sand/gravel gradual entry to the water. Hydro is at the lot line and there is good cell service. This is easily accessible from either marina on the lake. Enjoy this affordable lot in the summer while you make your plans for your new cottage. Great fishing year-round and fantastic snowmobiling in the winter.

**STILLS ROAD  
\$128,500**



This beautiful 1.2-acre building lot is located in the heart of Eagle Lake. Driveway installed and building site is cleared and ready for your year-round home or getaway. Many apple trees throughout the property. Stunning park-like setting. Surrounded by mature trees in a quiet neighbourhood. Paved year-round municipal road. Walking distance to Eagle Lake County market, Eagle Lake public beach and boat launch. Stop dreaming and start building your dream home or cottage.

**CHELSEA LANE  
\$69,900**



This pretty 1.52-acre lot is in the vicinity of the 3 lake chain-Green-Maple-Beech. Deeded access to Maple Lake within walking distance. Situated just outside West Guilford, between Carnarvon and Haliburton with easy seasonal access off HWY 118. The lot is fairly level with a slight elevation to a great spot to build your retreat. Surrounded by mature trees in a quiet area. Ample privacy and lots of space for the family to enjoy the outdoors.

**#1** **NOBODY IN CANADA SELLS MORE REAL ESTATE THAN RE/MAX**

Based on 2020 residential transactions sides.  
Source: CREA, RE/MAX

**RECENTLY SOLD VACANT LOTS**

MINDE **SOLD** .08AC

MIN **SOLD** .12LS

SOUTH **SOLD** .16AC

OSPREY **SOLD** .47AC

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CHALET **SOLD** .72AC

COUNT **SOLD** 503

SOUTH **SOLD** .34AC

TAILFEATI **SOLD** 0.45AC

**SOYERS LAKE**



**HALIBURTON LAKE**



**HARBURN ROAD**



**BEECH LAKE**



**KENNISIIS LAKE**



**HIGHWAY 118**



**WENONA LAKE**



**FORTESQUE LAKE ROAD**



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